



Chicago Duplicate Bridge Newsletter

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April is Charity & Sectional Tournament at Clubs Month

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|---|--|--|--|
| ¹ Unit Game – about 2½ points, no extra \$\$\$ ² Charity Game – about double points, \$1 extra ³ STaC Game – about triple points, all silver, chance for up to about 10 extra points for high score in the unit or district, \$2 extra ⁴ Gabriel's Bridge Day – 9.30am Defense Class 1.00pm Beginner Bridge Lesson | | | | | 25 | 26 |
| | | | | | 10am Start 99er Lesson & Game | 10.45am I/N Lesson 11:15 Start Open & I/N Game |
| | | | | | | 3.30pm Supervised Play |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 |
| 12.00 Lunch 1pm Start Regular Game | 12:15 Start Unit Game ¹ | 12:15 Start Regular Game | 12:15 Start Regular Game | 12:15 Start Open & 299er Regular Game | 10am Start 99er Lesson & Game | 10.45am I/N Lesson 11:15 Start Open & I/N Charity Game ² |
| | | 6:30pm Start Regular Game | | 6:30pm Start Regular Game | | 3.30pm Supervised Play |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 1pm Start Mixed Pairs Club Championship - Charity Game ² | 11.45am Lesson in Defense 12:15 Start Charity Game ¹ | 12:15 Start STaC ³ | 12:15 Start STaC ³ | 12:15 Start Open & 299er STaC ³ | 10am Start 99er Lesson & Game | 10.45am I/N Lesson 11:15 Start Open & I/N STaC ³ |
| | | 6:30pm Start STaC ³ | | 6:30pm Start STaC ³ | | 3.30pm Supervised Play |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 1pm Start STaC ³ | 12:15 Start STaC ³ | 12:15 Start Charity Game ¹ | 12:15 Start Charity Game ² | 12:15 Start Open & 299er Charity Game ² | 10am Start 99er Lesson & Game | 10.45am I/N Lesson 11:15 Start Open & I/N Charity Game ² |
| | | 6:30pm Start Charity Game ¹ | | 6:30pm Start Charity SWISS TEAMS ² | | |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 1pm Start Charity Game ² | 12:15 Start Charity Game ² | 12:15 Start Charity Game ² | 12:15 Start Regular Game | 12:15 Start Open & 299er Charity Game ² | 9.30am & 1pm Gabriel's Bridge Day ⁴ | 10.45am I/N Lesson 11:15 Start Open & I/N Charity Game ² |
| | | 5.30 Dinner 6:30pm Start Charity Game ² & Rank Advancement Party | | 6:30pm Start Charity Game ² | | |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
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| | | 6:30pm Start Charity Game ² | | 6:30pm Start Charity Game ² | | |

This Month's Games

Win extra points – play in this month's 24 Charity or 8 Sectional Tournament at Club Games.

Chicago Duplicate Bridge

Kay & Charles Whitman Mixed Pairs Club Championship Game



Sunday April 3rd is the date for our first Chicago Duplicate Bridge Mixed Pairs Club Championship event. Everyone is invited to compete; it is not restricted to Club Members in this, the first year of Chicago duplicate Bridge Club Championships. Please email Matthew Dyer (msdyer@gmail.com) to register.

Same-gender (non-Mixed) pairs will earn masterpoints, but will not be eligible for the Club Championship.

Rank Advancement Party & Charity Game, Tuesday Apr 19th 6.30pm

All Rank Advancers are invited to attend. Entry for those who have advanced in rank is Half Price. Everyone is invited to come along and help our Rank Advancers celebrate.

Tuesday Evening Games

Free Pizza and Beverage @ 6.00pm is the April promotion.

As there is always at least one Board Member playing each Tuesday Evening – Club Members and Players coming in on Tuesday Evenings have a great opportunity to offer suggestions for improving the Club or to discuss concerns about the Club.

Beginner, Intermediate/Novice News Beginner Lessons/99er Lesson & Duplicate Game

Our new Bridge Teacher, Michael Mehringer, reported that due to a lot of busy schedules among his students he is running a catch up class every Wednesday, which covers everything that was in the previous Saturday's Lesson. His students are appreciative and keenly learning whenever they can!

Hopefully all new players will join one of our games for "newbies" at the end of their lessons – Friday's Beginner 99er Game, Thursday's 299er Section or Saturday's I/N Game.

The 99er Supervised Duplicate Game is proving a winner, Barry Little, the Mentor has reported. Janet Nachman and/or Judith Gidden are helping out as needed. **For 6 weeks starting April 22nd the Club will be hosting The Gabriels' Bridge Day.**

Then the 99er morning will recommence. Please note, the session may be moved to another, earlier morning start if there are sufficient players interested in continuing unabated!

I/N Newsletter

Go to: <http://acbl-district13.org/ArticlesAndNewsletters.htm> to access District 13 I/N Newsletter. They have lots of good information and tips for beginners. Mailing costs are prohibitive so the newsletters are available online at the District 13 website.

As the Newsletters at this address go back to 2001 you have plenty of reading available to you. You can read them, print them, and enjoy them from there.

Suggestion Box

There is a Suggestion Box on the entry table for Suggestions or Comments aimed at improving our Club. They will be responded to by the Board, Club Manager or Directors as appropriate.

New Website

We missed making it in March - but you will soon receive an invitation to access a brand new Chicago Duplicate Bridge web site. You'll have an individual password to the membership area and management of your own details, including opting in or out of being listed and getting emails. You will also have access to features such as - Need a Ride, Need a Partner, Messages and more. Plus you'll be able to view the scheduled games for up to 3 months in advance.

Parking News

The 4 Disabled Parking Spots along the lot fence are no longer to be used by Players. The City has finally provided the promised 4 Disabled Parking Spots alongside the building – these are not metered spots or reserved for Bridge, they are between the two curbside Disabled Parking Only signs.

To take advantage of these spots, the car at the front of the space **must** start on the pole, everyone needs to park up close to the car in front. If this doesn't happen – the 4 spots become 3!

Also, remember there are now **No Parking Fees for the smaller games held on Sunday Afternoon, Tuesday and Thursday Evening. Display your Bridge Parking Permit on your dashboard.** While Chicago Duplicate Bridge remains financially healthy and continues to grow, we will look to further subsidize the Parking Fees for our weekday Afternoon Games.

Monday Afternoon Lessons in Defense

Director, Teacher, Kibitzer columnist, and local expert Jim (Wimpy) Diebel presents these lessons when he can. Patt Quinn has returned to direct our Monday Afternoon Game. The lecture papers for the balance of the session are available free to interested Players.

Please Bring your Maid to the Club - OR

- if **YOU** spill something – clean it up!
- if **YOU** drop something – pick it up!
- take **YOUR** empty cups, dishes, glasses and/or cans to the kitchen and deal with them appropriately:-
 - cans in the recycling bin – no dirty food containers please
 - trash in the bins under the counter near the refrigerator
 - rinse your dishes, glasses and flatware and put them in the dishwasher, don't leave them in the sink, unless the dishwasher is full or working
- **AND East/West Players - PLEASE don't leave your used stuff on the side tables when you move! Our North/South Players and the Directors will be eternally grateful!**

Player Achievements

Congratulations to these players for success at the club

| 2015 Unit 123 - Ace of Clubs Winners | | |
|---|------------------|----------------------------|
| Points Category | Player | Points accrued in the year |
| 5-20 | Marjorie Zolla | 56.00 |
| 200-300 | John Miller | 146.13 |
| 300-500 | Susan Eggebrecht | 142.80 |
| 1000-2500 | Bruce Ladin | 315.53 |

| 65.00 – 69.99% Games | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|-------|
| Mar 5 | Janet Murphy - Tom Murphy | 68.45 |
| Mar 7 | Frank Pancoe - Joseph Stokes | 68.98 |
| Mar 9 | Judi Katz - Marcy Gookin | 66.67 |
| Mar 14 | Gerald Landy - Sandi Schlueter | 65.49 |
| Mar 22 | Seymour Diamond - Elaine Diamond | 65.63 |
| Mar 23 | Robert Zboralski - Laurence Zung | 68.29 |

| >70% Games | | |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|-------|
| Mar 6 | Sandy Golden - Matthew Dyer | 70.86 |
| Mar 9 | Stephen Cheston - Susan Adams | 71.06 |

Congratulations to these players for success beyond the club
2015 Jan Ivory Award

John Miller won the CCBA's 2015 Jan Ivory award. This is given to the non-life master who earned the most points in the previous year. John earned 236.77 – WELL DONE JOHN!

| 2015 Mini-McKenney Winners | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| Points Category | Player | Points accrued in the year |
| 5-20 | Marjorie Zolla | 81.77 |
| 200-300 | John Miller | 236.77 |
| 300-500 | Susan Eggebrecht | 221.65 |
| 500-1000 | Caryl Brown | 310.18 |
| 1000-2500 | Oren Kriegel | 1049.56 |
| 5000-7500 | Lynne Rosenbaum | 727.16 |

| District 13 GNT Final, Northbrook February 20-21 | | |
|---|---|---|
| Flight B Finals | 1 | Jeff Cianci - Jordan Karol |
| Championship Flight Final | 1 | L James Phillips - Muhammad Abedi - Muhammad Hakim |

Rank Advancements

Congratulations - players who have advanced their Master Ranking from the beginning of 2015.

We'll celebrate with 2 parties in 2016, one in Spring (soon) and one in Fall.

| New Masters | |
|--|---|
| Junior Master | Raphael Hemmerle, Chia-Lun Lu, Cormac Slade Byrd, Rudy J Lubov, William D Trude, Carling Sugarman, Alanna Lee Weisberg, Gardner Stern, Donna Levin |
| Club Master | Missy Bishop, Christine Lyon, Maureen Mosh, Marjorie Zolla, Victoria Estevez, Sid Mitchell, Raphael Hemmerle, Janis Morris, Elizabeth Peters, Allyson Pooley, William D Trude, Marcy Gookin, Carling Sugarman, Alanna Lee Weisberg, Janet Hickerson, Carolyn Turek, Kara Bershad, Kenneth East, Mrytis Meyer, Pam Prosch |
| Sectional Master | Judi Katz, Carol Knoblauch, Yi-Tsung Lu, Christine Lyon, Marjorie Zolla |
| Regional Master | Carol Mayer, Carolyn Naselli, Richard Stern, Lee Schillinger, Kenneth Jensen, Carol Ann Lombardo, Nancy Williams |
| NABC Master | A. Bascon, Relli Miller, Julie Burke, Judith Kamins, Robin Roy, Pamela Simons, Marsha Weis |
| Advanced NABC Master | John Miller |
| Life Master | William Buckman, Susan Eggebrecht, William Wylie, Matthew Staman |
| Bronze Life Master | Barbara Chasnoff, David Schroeder, Ginger Griffin, Iliana Rozemberg, Janice Eager, William Wylie, Warren Brodine, Caryl Brown, Steve Brown, Nic Hristea, Mark Pinkowski |
| Silver Life Master | Judith Gidden, John Shelton, Burton Lewis, Philip Lapalio, Jr., Ryszard Matuszczyk, Yixin Tang, Caryl Brown |
| Ruby Life Master *NEW RANKING* | Michael Airdo, Rowen Bell, Jack Bierig, Richard Brewer, George Clark, Guy Franklin, Paul Hamper, Marlene Hefter, Barry Holt, Judy Isenberg, David Joyce, Loring Knoblauch, Oren Kriegel, Bruce Ladin, Gerald Landy, Marshall Levine, Ronald Multon, Sandra Nidetz, Colette Nocich, Cory Perkers, John Prater, Jan Ratliff, Katherine Rehak, Carolyn Rowley, Arline Sands, Dennis Skinder, Janie Strauss, Laurence Zung, |
| Sapphire Life Master *NEW RANKING* | Susan Adams, Drew Becker, Stephen Cheston, James Diebel, Sandy Golden, Toddy Leavitt, Ellen K. Miller, James O'Neil, Patt Quinn, |
| Gold Life Master | Muhammad Abedi, Todd Fisher, Matthew Dyer |
| Diamond Life Master | Amin Karim |

Unit 123 Rankings

Congratulations to players in the top 10 of Unit 123 rankings at the end of February

| Mini McKinney | | Ace of Clubs | |
|----------------------|--|---------------------|---|
| 0-5 | Luke Mehringer # 7 | 0-5 | Luke Mehringer # 5 James English # 10 |
| 5-20 | | 5-20 | Gardner Stern # 10 |
| 20-50 | Carolyn Turek # 4 Janet Hickerson # 6 Kenneth East # 8 | 20-50 | Kenneth East # 4 Raphael Hemmerle # 5 Dorothea Avant # 6 Carolyn Turek # 9 |
| 50-100 | Yi-Tsung Lu # 2 Chia-Lun Lu # 2 Judi Katz # 7 Michael Mehringer #8 | 50-100 | Judi Katz # 3 Christine Lyon # 5 |
| 100-200 | | 100-200 | Wayne Hall # 6 |
| 200-300 | Harry Rosenberg # 7 | 200-300 | Marie Stevenson # 4 William Berkman # 8 Harry Rosenberg # 9 |
| 300-500 | Jordan Karol # 4 Pamela Simons # 8 | 300-500 | Pamela Simons # 5 Hazel Connor # 8 Beverly Yusim # 9 Andrea Bascon # 10 |
| 500-1000 | Mark Pinkowski # 1 Caryl Brown # 5 Nic Hristea # 6 John Miller # 8 Steve Brown # 9 | 500-1000 | John Miller # 1 Caryl Brown # 2 Mark Pinkowski # 3 Steve Beicos # 4 Robert Zboralski # 6 Janet Nachman # 7 |
| 1000-1500 | Leonard Dubin # 3 Ryszard Matuszczyk # 4 Barry Little # 10 | 1000-2500 | Barry Little # 4 |
| 1500-2500 | Oren Kriegl # 1 George Clark # 9 Guy Franklin # 10 | | Guy Franklin # 2 Barry Holt # 3 Bruce Ladin # 5 George Clark # 10 |
| 2500-3500 | | 2500-5000 | Michael Howards # 1 Todd Fisher # 2 Jane Kennedy # 4 Elaine Diamond # 5 Seymour Diamond # 5 |
| 3500-5000 | | | Stephen Cheston # 5 Toddy Leavitt # 8 Susan Adams # 10 |
| 5000-7500 | Muhammad Hakim #1 Rosanne Schabinger # 6 Ellen Gabriel # 10 | 5000-7500 | Muhammad Hakim # 3 Ellen Gabriel # 4 Alfred Simmons # 5 Rosanne Schabinger # 6 Richard Strauss # 10 |
| 7500-10000 | Richard Gabriel # 3 Lynne Rosenbaum # 5 Barbara Saben # 6 | 7500-10000 | Richard Gabriel # 2 Barbara Saben # 3 Gerald Gitles # 5 Lynne Rosenbaum # 7 |
| 10000+ | L James Phillips # 6 Claude Vogel # 9 | 10000+ | L James Phillips # 1 Cheri Bjerkan # 2 Claude Vogel # 4 |